

Appl. No. 09/632,774

Amendment Dated July 27, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 10, 11, 15, 21 and 23 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, and no new claims have been added. Claims 1-25 are therefore pending.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 3, 7, 10, 21 and 23 have been amended to consistently recite that the actor or performer of a method step is the client application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Final Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7-19, and 21-25 under 35 USC § 103(a) unpatentable over the combination of Angles (US 5, 933,811) and Petrecca (USP 5,781,894). Claims 1, 7, 15 and 21 are independent claims. All of the independent claims have been amended.

We request that the Examiner reconsider the references cited in the Final Office Action in view of the amended claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that "the client application causing a client window to be displayed on the output device, the client window remaining visible so long as the online session persists and the client window displayed independently of a browser window generated by the Internet browser." The other independent claims have been amended to recite the same limitation. None of the cited references teach this limitation. As such, claim 1, the other independent claims and all claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited references.

In addition, we reiterate and incorporate the patentability arguments presented in the Response to Final Office Action dated July 6, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Office Action rejects claims 6 and 20 under as being unpatentable over Angles, Petrecca and Filepp (US 5,347,632). Claims 6 and 20 are ultimately dependent on independent claims 1 and 15. Claims 1 and 15 are discussed above. For the same reasons claims 1 and 15 are patentable over the combination of Angles and Petrecca as set forth above, by virtue of their dependency on these claims, claims 6 and 20 are not rendered obvious by and are patentable over the combination of

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Angles and Petrecca. Filepp fails to cure the deficiencies of claims 1 and 15 discussed above. Therefore, the combination of Angles, Petrecca and Filepp fail to teach or suggest the limitations recited in claims 6 and 20. As such, claims 6 and 20 are not rendered obvious by and are patentable over the combination of Angles, Petrecca and Filepp.

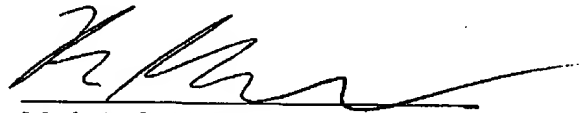
Conclusion

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions and to discuss steps necessary for placing the claims in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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